

# BAH Fraud and Dependent Support

A significant percentage of Navy Hotline investigations involve allegations of members drawing housing allowances to which they are not entitled, or on behalf of dependents they do not support. Addressing either kind of misconduct requires positive command engagement and the First Commandment of Good Leadership: *Know your people.*

BAH-II (formerly BAQ) is paid at either the "with dependents" or "without dependents" rate. The purpose of BAH-II at the "with dependents" rate is partial reimbursement of expenses incurred by the member for providing private quarters for dependent(s) when government quarters are not furnished.

MILPERSMAN 1754-030 states that failure to provide support may be cause of administrative or disciplinary action.

MILPERSMAN 1070-270 requires members to update their Page 2s with every change in marital status or number of dependents.

Members who fail to update Page 2s and thereby draw allowances for which they no longer qualify may be guilty of fraud.

Commands have an obligation to ensure that their people understand the basis for pay and allowances, members' responsibility for record updates when changes occur, and the penalties for false or fraudulent statements.

Regular record reviews at appropriate levels, with particular command attention to that ever-important Page 2, is required. Promoting family support is an important aspect of professional responsibility, and emphasizes integrity as a Navy duty. It is the first, and still the best, step toward helping Sailors avoid the rocks and shoals of misconduct proceedings.



The image shows a magnifying glass focusing on a specific section of a Navy form. The form is titled 'SECTION I - APPLICANT INFORMATION' and includes fields for 'NAME OF SPONSOR', 'PAY GRADE', 'SSN', 'DUTY STATION', 'TELEPHONE NUMBER', 'MARITAL STATUS', and 'STATUS OF APPLICANT'. The magnifying glass is positioned over the 'DEPENDENT DATA' section, which is highlighted with a red circle. The text 'DEPENDENT DATA' is visible within the magnifying glass's field of view.

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